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In re Application of.:

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METHODS OF PRODUCING LIGNIN PEROXIDASE AND

ITS USE IN SKIN AND HAIR

LIGHTENING

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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Restriction Office Action mailed September 13, 2007, which response is being made on or before November 13, 2007, and for which a one month extension of time fee is due.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, namely Claims 1-22, drawn to a method and composition to apply "at least one type of a lignin modifying enzyme" to the "skin region or hair of a subject" to lighten skin region or hair of said subject comprising topically applying a cosmetic composition to the skin region or hair of said subject.

With respect to the species requirements, Applicants select:

Isoenzyme – H1

Cosmetic Carrier - transcutol.

It is believed that all the elected claims of Group I are readable on the elected species.

Please amend the Patent Application as follows: